

## NORFOLK.

## WEDNESDAY—A BRITISH STEAMSHIP

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(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

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The British steamship Connaught, Captain Thomas, from Marbella, in the Mediterranean, was towed in the Cape this morning by tug in a disabled condition. Her machinery is supposed to be disabled. She is bound to Baltimore, and will doubtless not come here, but be towed up the bay.

The British steamship York City, which has been in the harbor for some time, is being repaired, and will resume her voyage to New Orleans on Saturday.

One hundred feet of land were secured on the Southern branch, adjoining the yard, for the proposed car-works in Portsmouth if the company is organized here.

The venerable Mrs. Virginia Wyatt, who hanged herself with a strap to her bed-post at her residence, on Waverly street, yesterday afternoon, is believed to have been insane. The deceased came from Petersburg, and the remains were taken to that city to-day for interment.

Mr. Henry Ballentine, an old and well-known citizen of this city, was paralyzed last night.

The United States steamer Dolphin (Rock's) came out of the dry-dock at the navy-yard last evening, having had her bottom overhauled and repaired, holds cemented, machinery repaired, ward-room and cabin repainted, and her magazine and shell-room cleaned.

Her new battery will now be placed on board. A visitor at the yard a few days ago noticed if the Dolphin was being rebuilt here. There are no orders yet for the Dolphin, and she has no captain or executive officer on board, her navigator being in command.

All the store laborers—men who do clerical labor in the stores at \$2.50 per day—were discharged from the navy-yard last night, and the establishment for special laborers and the law says they shall not be paid out of the general appropriation.

During the month of July there were seventy-nine deaths in Norfolk. The most fatal disease was dysentery.

The white woman burned by a kerosene explosion in Brambleton yesterday was Mrs. Ann Rogers, wife of the late John Rogers, who was also burned by the explosion. Mrs. Rogers is in a very critical condition to-day. The negro woman Cary, burned at the same time on Liberty street, is supposed to be dying.

## PETERSBURG.

## Reported Recovery of Bodies—The Recent Accident—Personal and Other Matters.

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It is stated that the bodies of Anderson, Harrell and Charles Jones, the colored freeman and brakeman who were killed by the wrecking of the freight train at Otter-Dam creek, in Greensville county, night before last, were recovered yesterday afternoon.

Coffins were sent out from this city last night in place to them. The company is working with diligence to repair the damage and restore the track, but it is hardly probable that these repairs can be completed before to-morrow. The damage to bridges, it is said, was not all the injury sustained by the road. The overflow of the river is reported to have caused a good deal of washing of the track, which will necessitate re-building. The Atlantic and Danville railroad was closed at several points, and travel and traffic have been seriously interrupted. The water extended far beyond the banks of the Stony Creek, Nottoway river, and other streams, crossing fields and at some points threatening the safety of houses.

Information from Philadelphia is to the effect that the James Burcher reported to be drowned there was not James H. Burcher, former of Petersburg, who is alive and well. His friends here are, of course, much relieved.

A telegram from Fredericksburg announced the illness of Mrs. William H. Camp, of this city, who is visiting relatives there. Mr. Camp, who was at Buffalo Springs, was immediately communicated with, and has gone to Fredericksburg.

Hon. Matt. W. Ransom, United States senator from North Carolina, arrived in the city yesterday, and left for home this afternoon by way of the Norfolk and Western and Seaboard railroads.

ROBIN ADAMS.

STANTON.

## Stocking Valley Streams with Fish

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Virginia owns the grounds, the springs, and the elegant fish-hatchery at Wytheville. Colonel Marshall McDonald, our State Fish Commissioner, is there at this time. He is also connected with the United States Fish Commission, which operates the Virginia hatchery. Yesterday the United States Fish Commission car came down from Wytheville with young fish to stock some of our Valley streams—Mr. George H. H. Moore in charge. When the car arrived at Waynesboro' junction five hundred California trout were sent on to Weyer's Cave station, on the Shenandoah Valley railroad, and placed in the South river at that point. Mr. Moore furnished Colonel Parsons, at the National bridge, California and lake trout for his ponds. In this renewed effort to replenish our streams it is hoped a watchful care will be exercised by the people. All fishing parties should be entreated not to appropriate young fish when caught, but to return them to the stream.

Yesterday morning on the east-bound train the body of Mr. W. F. Fitz was conveyed to Keswick, in Albemarle county. His death was announced by special in yesterday's Dispatch. His brothers, Captain Fitz, of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, and J. M. Fitz, of the Hale House, with Captain Woodward, of the same

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